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## **Council Moving on Housing and Conservation Charter Amendment**

*Kobayashi and Dela Cruz set timeline for Mayor to report on affordable housing and  
conservation funds*

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**Honolulu:** Councilmembers Ann Kobayashi and Donovan M. Dela Cruz introduced a bill that establishes specific procedures for the City Administration to report on how funds to the City's new affordable housing fund and clean water and natural lands fund are collected and expended.

Oahu voters approved Charter Amendment #3 in November by 54% majority which designates the council to establish procedures for the administration and appropriation of a minimum of 1% of the estimated real property tax revenues equally between the two funds.

"Affordable housing continues to be concern in our city" said Kobayashi. "With the passage of this charter amendment in November, we want to make sure there is an inventory of affordable housing available to residents."

Bill 8 (2007) - specifies that within five days after the mayor submits the annual budget, that the mayor also submits a report that specifies the amounts in each of the clean water and natural lands fund and the affordable housing fund. The resolution calls for, among other things:

### Affordable Housing Fund

- Maintain affordable housing for persons earning less than 50% of the median household income;
- Housing and facilities for the homeless, special needs, self-help and for-sale households, and renters shall be the priorities for appropriations from this fund;
- Housing and facilities for the targeted groups shall be provided by nonprofit agencies assisted by the city.

Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund

- Protection of watershed lands;
- Preservation of forests, beaches, coastal areas, and agricultural lands;
- Public outdoor recreation and education;
- Conservation of land in order to reduce erosion, floods, landslides and runoff.

"The community has spoken and we're ready to start making these funds work for the public," says Dela Cruz. "We need to protect our natural resources and ensure we maintain public access to public land and open space."

Honolulu City Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeia

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